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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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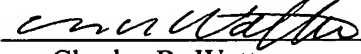
- a. ☒ a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
- b. ☐ a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- c. ☒ the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page 2,
- d. ☒ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
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JP 2002-181247, JP 10-103566 and JP 3280600 are corresponding publications.
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